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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Kenneth N Vanderpuye

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 14,16 and 20-22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 15, 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 9-5-02 are have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that according to the specification the information duration is the length of time needed to play out the information in real time, and not the actual number of bytes. However this *is* not disclosed in the claim, hence it is the opinion of the examiner that the phrase "information duration" in the claim is broad enough to read on the prior art.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 15 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 15 is dependent on claim 20. This is an illegal dependency. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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4. Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

With regards to claim 7 it is not clear how a response is made to a predetermined event(line 4), before the determining the occurrence of the predetermined event(line 8)

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 17-19, 1-5, 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kudo et al.(5,148,429) in view of Brent et al(5,315,591).

Claim 17 is rejected because Kudo teaches a device including:

a memory(Fig. 7@8)

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an information controller coupled to the memory for storing information in the memory(Fig. 7@7)

a packet controller coupled to the memory for transmitting a plurality of packets stored in memory(Fig. 7@110). What Kudo fails to teach is the transmission of variable length packets. Brent teaches a processor(Fig. 2@9) for converting packets variable length frames. Brent does not teach how the variable length packets are generated i.e. a processor that uses information of a first duration as payload in each of the packet s prior to the occurrence of a predetermined event, and uses information of a second duration as payload after occurrence of the predetermined event. However a the terms information of first duration and second duration as payload refer to packets of variable length which is taught by Brent. The predetermined event that produces variable length packets is directly related to the amount of voice traffic and delay sensitivity of the network. Hence the predetermined event that causes one packet to be linger than the preceding packet will depend of the amount of voice data being packetized and the amount of the delay the network can tolerate. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Brent with Kudo for the purpose of converting packets to frame relay format(variable length). The motivation being to enable transmission on frame relay networks.

Claim 18 is rejected for the same reasons as claim 17. The predetermined event that produces variable length packets is directly related to the amount of voice traffic

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and delay sensitivity of the network. Hence the predetermined event that causes one packet to be longer than the preceding packet will depend on the amount of voice data being packetized and the amount of the delay the network can tolerate.

Claim 19 is rejected because the conversion of packet to frame relay achieves this limitation.

Claim 1 is rejected for the same reasons as claim 17, because the method claimed is achievable by the apparatus of claim 17.

Claim 2 is rejected because the packets are from a single generator (Brent Fig. 2)

Claim 3 is rejected because it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use more than one source to generate information. (multiplex capability).

Claims 4-5 are rejected because the difference in the lengths of packets will depend on the volume of voice traffic and the delay requirements of the network.

Claim 10 is rejected for the same reasons as claim 17, 1 because first and second duration implies size.

Claim 11 is rejected because the use of UDP protocol to generate variable length packets is well known in the art. Hence official notice is taken that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine this well known art with Kudo in view of Brent for the purpose of using UDP protocol standard.

Claim 12 is rejected because Kudo digitizes the audio (part of encoding)

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Claim 13 is rejected because Kudo teaches encoding subsequent to digitizing(Fig. 7@7)

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 6, 14, 16, 20-22 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Vanderpuye whose telephone number is (703) 308-7828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Olms, can be reached on (703) -305-4703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9314.



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